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Welcome back to Ashford Voice, your borough magazine delivered straight to your doorstep. It's full of features on living, working and enjoying life in Ashford and the surrounding communities.

This issue find out how Ashford Borough Council is helping local disabled sportsmen and women achieve their goals thanks to a new sports bursary scheme. While in our "Day in the Life of..." feature we meet David Lloyd, a man determined to make Ashford a safer place for everyone.

Find out how going online can save you time and money when it comes to getting in touch with Ashford Borough Council and how you have been helping the council save £1million.

The exciting project to transform St Mary's Church into a fantastic centre for the arts has been approved. Ashford Voice discovers how the work will improve church facilities for parishioners as well as providing a much needed venue for local arts.

Whether it's sports, music, theatre, great days out or community events our "What's On" section has something for everyone. In this edition we've also got information on some of the borough's best bonfires and firework displays.

Remember, Ashford Voice is your voice and we like to hear your comments or suggestions for articles or features about life in our borough so please keep your letters and emails coming in.



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Help yourself to advice

You can now help yourself to advice on housing, employment and training, debt, benefits and much more thanks to new touch screen information kiosks provided by the council's Housing Plus team.

The new kiosks, available at the Civic Centre, Ashford Gateway, Tenterden Gateway and three local Sure Start Children's Centres mean you no longer have to wait to see a member of staff to get answers to a whole range of questions.

You can also use the kiosks to print leaflets and advice sheets and even refer yourself to key help agencies.

For more information visit

www.ashford.gov.uk/selfhelpadvice



St Mary's Church gets green light

Plans to create a new arts venue within one of Ashford's most historic spaces have been given the green light.

See our St Mary's feature on pages 16 & 17 to find out more or visit www.ashfordbestplaced.co.uk/stmarys



MBE for Palma



Ashford Borough Councillor, Palma Laughton, has been awarded the MBE as part of the Queen's birthday honours.

Cllr Laughton has lived in Stanhope since October 1968 where she is both a borough and parish councillor and has gained recognition for her valuable contribution to making her community a better place to live.

High speed rail provides boost



The arrival of high speed trains has lifted house sales in Ashford, attracted new investors, and boosted the fortunes of businesses in the town.

According to inward investment agency Locate in Kent, nearly 60 companies are currently considering moving to Ashford, while estate agents are reporting a steady flow of buyers coming into the area, attracted by its fast connections, great value homes and excellent quality of life.

For more information visit www.ashfordbestplaced.co.uk

Scores on the Doors hits new milestone



A quarter of all local food businesses have now achieved a five star Scores on the Doors rating.

Over 95% of the borough's food businesses are now two star (satisfactory) and above with just over 25% now rated five star (excellent).

Ashford Borough Council Environmental health officers inspect around 800 food businesses across the borough giving the premises a star rating with a maximum of five stars (excellent) to zero stars (poor).

All ratings are published on the Scores on the Doors website and businesses are encouraged to display a sticker with their star rating.

For more information visit www.ashford.gov.uk/scoresonthedoors

SWAN Centre receives £270,000 facelift

The SWAN Centre in South Willesborough has reopened following a £270,000 refurbishment.

The improvements include a new kitchen, new windows, new electrics and heating system, improved security, toilets and a complete redecoration.

The work was funded by Ashford Borough Council, Growth Area Funding from Ashford's Future and a £20,000 contribution from centre trustees.

To book the centre call Jan Masters on **01233 642087**.

Shared Space Restricted Parking Zone

Enforcement of parking and waiting restrictions began last month.

A distinctive feature of the Ashford's Shared Space is that road marking and roadside signage in the zone is kept to a minimum.

This means notification that parking and waiting is prohibited is provided by signs at the zone entry points and throughout the zone, not by yellow lines painted on the road.

From 1 August 2010 Penalty Charge Notices are being issued to vehicles parked in contravention of the restrictions.



For full details of the restrictions visit www.ashford.gov.uk/parking



Don't miss out on your chance to vote

With borough and parish council elections next May plus the chance of a national referendum on General Elections make sure you can have your say by ensuring you are registered to vote.

Voter registration forms are now being delivered to homes across the borough – you could lose your chance to vote if you don't respond.

It's quick and easy to confirm your details or to let us know any changes.

- **No changes to make to the information held? Use the freephone or internet response service to confirm your details – it is quick and saves money too!**
- **Any changes? Amend the details and post the form back**

And remember, an early response stops reminders and saves money.

For more information call Electoral Services on **01233 330402** or visit www.ashford.gov.uk



Active Ashford Bursary – supporting the stars of the future

As the excitement for London 2012 starts to build, all eyes will be on the host nation to win a lion's share of gold medals.

And it is not just the able-bodied sportsmen and women carrying the nation's hopes, but also our fantastic disabled athletes.

Communities across the country are already hard at work to support their local sporting heroes to fulfil their dreams of Olympic and Paralympic glory, and Ashford is no exception.

A recently launched sports bursary aims to help the borough's brightest disabled sportsmen and women make their way to the London games, or to simply improve their skills.

The bursary has been set up by **Active Ashford**, a partnership which promotes and supports sport across the borough, backed by Ashford Borough Council. The bursary provides financial support towards the cost of training, travel, coaching, entrance fees to events and competitions whether the successful applicants are newcomers or trained performers needing some extra assistance.

Sports projects manager Simon Harris said, "We understand that sometimes, no matter your natural talent as a sportsperson, it can be hard to cope with the expense and logistics of regular training.

"Entrance to events and facilities, along with travel, equipment and extra tuition can quickly add up, and with the London games coming up, some potential competitors will be feeling extra pressure.



Active Ashford Disability Launch with L - R David Maddison, Graham Galpin, Simon Harris and Hilary Lister.



Ashford sportswoman Claire Harvey is one bursary recipient who is very hopeful that she will be at the 2012 games as a competitor.

Sports-mad Claire had a serious accident in 2008 that left her paralysed in one leg, without peripheral vision and with loss of other nerve functions.

Claire eventually learnt how to walk again (with the aid of a calliper, and crutches or wheelchair when tired) and soon discovered the challenging sport of sitting volleyball.

Claire represented Great Britain in the World Championships of Sitting Volleyball in the US in July, and is looking forward to training for the big games.

Claire said: "The bursary has made such a difference to my ability to maximise my training and take up opportunities to compete and gain experience.

"Without the bursary, it is unlikely I would have been able to afford to maintain travelling to the extra training sessions in London, and I would have to travel early in the morning to weekend camps; now I can stay the night before and be fresh for the weekend, maximising my ability to train and improve.

"The bursary has taken the financial worry out of chasing my Paralympics dream – thank you Active Ashford!"

"We don't want to see promising local people give up on their dreams, or never even explore them, because of this.

"The bursary is not only an excellent opportunity to give established athletes a leg up, but it will also introduce Ashford's wealth of sporting facilities and accessible features to people who previously felt unable to use them."

The scheme is joint funded by the Ashford Designer Outlet.

Ashford Designer Outlet centre manager David Maddison said, "Active Ashford is a fantastic partnership that recognises the great sporting talent the region has to offer."

"We're delighted to be involved with its bursary scheme and supporting Ashford's sportsmen and women of the future. I hope this bursary will help our local athletes on their way to London 2012."

Chair of Active Ashford Graham Galpin added, "The amazing achievements of our patron Hilary Lister should act as an example to disabled sportspeople to utilise the bursary to achieve their sporting goals.

The second round of applications is being accepted now and the closing date will be 8 October.

If you want to be considered for an Active Ashford Bursary call 01233 330232 email simon.harris@ashford.gov.uk visit www.activeashford.co.uk/bursary.aspx

For more information about the schemes Active Ashford runs for children and adults with physical and learning disabilities visit www.activeashford.co.uk



Record breaking disabled sailor Hilary Lister is patron of the Active Ashford Bursary.

Kent resident Hilary was struck down by the degenerative disease reflex sympathetic dystrophy aged just 15, which eventually cost her the use of her limbs.

A long-time advocate of the need for extra funding and recognition for disabled sportspeople, Hilary said, "I am delighted to support the Active Ashford bursary system, and am honoured to be patron."

"It's incredibly important that there is a separate sports bursary for people with disabilities, who often find it more expensive to train and to attend competitions than able-bodied colleagues.

Other high profile ambassadors of Active Ashford and supporters of the bursary include:

- Olympic cyclist **Jamie Staff**
- Runner **Lisa Dobriskey**
- Dancers **Ola and James Jordan**

The first round of bursaries of £750 each were awarded in June to swimmer Nick Boylan, sitting volleyball players Claire Harvey and Helen Sole, and athlete Candy Hawkins.

The total bursary fund is £7,000, with awards of up to £1,200 available.

The recipients are chosen from a panel made up of representatives from Ashford Borough Council sports department, the Designer Outlet and the chairman of Active Ashford, Graham Galpin.

Your community: Wye life

Key facts

Population: 2,387.

Business/commerce: Wye Business Association, WyeCycle, Wye Community Farm, estate agents, butchers, bakery, newsagents, Co-op convenience store, saddlery, book keeper, beauty salon, children's shoe shop, homes and gardens store, printers, gifts and arts, car sales, banks, filling station.

Pubs and restaurants: The Kings Head, The New Flying Horse, The Tickled Trout, The Wife of Bath, Joshan of Wye, The Devils Kneading Trough, Latte & Miele Coffee Shop and Italian Bistro.

Services/facilities: Retained fire station, post office, doctors' surgery, vets, dental surgery, village hall, church halls, recreation ground, children's play area.

Community/sport groups: Football, junior football, cricket, tennis, karate, badminton & croquet clubs, gardeners' society, historical society, Women's Institute, arts association, cinema club, youth club, mother & toddler group, Brownies, music group.

Churches: St Martin and St Gregory Church of England, St Ambrose Catholic Church, Wye Methodist Church.

Schools: Lady Joanna Thornhill (Endowed) Primary School, Spring Grove Independent School.

Parish Council: Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.15pm in the Methodist Hall, Wye.



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At the foot of the North Downs surrounded by some of the best unspoilt countryside in the UK is the thriving, enterprising village of Wye.

The village, next to the River Stour is a firm favourite of walkers, cyclists and tourists. Located on the Pilgrims' Way at a junction of the North Downs Way it's easy to explore the 250 acre Wye National Nature Reserve or ancient North Downs where the views are spectacular.



The whole local landscape including the village, the Great Stour Valley and the Downs is protected within the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Above Wye, cut into the Downs is the Wye Crown originally constructed to commemorate the Coronation of King Edward VII and now the venue for the local bonfire night celebrations.



For much of its history Wye was more important than its small neighbour Ashford. The coming of the railway saw Wye left somewhat behind but its railway station helps ensure the village remains a busy, vibrant community.

The most recent blow to the community was the closure of Wye College, the agricultural college which played a vital role in the area's economy. And while the future of its buildings and land holdings remain uncertain, local people are determined Wye will bounce back.

Ann Sutherland, of Wye Business Association, explains, "There's always been a culture of enterprise and a determination to see our village thrive.

"Wye already has much to offer with a good range of shops and services, community groups and sports club.

"Our Farmers' Market is popular with villagers and visitors and we aim to build on our reputation as a great tourist destination and as a centre for excellent local produce with plans to set up Wye Food Village, a concept to promote what we have to offer.

"Other initiatives include plans for a Heritage Centre and to transform the town's Norman undercroft both of which will add to the town's offer."

Wye's reputation for great food is well deserved helped by great local businesses including award winners such as local farm Ripple Farm Organics, The Wooden Spoon Preserving Company plus relative newcomers Wye Bakery.

Mary Braithwaite and Nigel Ings set up shop in the town's former bakery just three years ago. Nigel explains, "When most villages are losing essential shops it was wonderful to bring one back. We're passionate about our bread and Wye is the perfect place to bake it."



Wye can also boast its own Community Farm which manages 80 acres of grazing and woodland in the Wye National Nature Reserve.

Wye Community Farm Director Daniel Tuscon explains, "From its beginnings in 2008 the farm has developed an impressive range of different enterprises, from cows, sheep and pigs to charcoal making and wool spinning.

"We pride ourselves on producing local food within a stone's throw of Wye village, working with other local businesses and giving anyone who's interested, young and old, a chance to learn about farming and countryside work."

With great produce come great places to eat and Wye's no exception. Whether it's excellent pub food, Indian or Italian or modern European cuisine there's plenty to choose from. Gregory Loison manages the award winning Wife of Bath restaurant which first opened its door in 1963.

"Wye's a very special place where people work together to make the most of what's already here and to improve the community for local people and visitors alike."



For more information about Wye visit

www.wyewithinxhillpc.kentparishes.gov.uk
www.wyebusiness.org
www.wyecomunitylandtrust.org
www.wyeweb.org

A day in the life of...

David Lloyd, Ashford Borough Council's Community Safety Manager

David Lloyd runs the borough's Community Safety Unit – a job, he says, that is all about making a difference to our communities.

For David, keeping the area safe is about being visible, out on the streets and getting to know people.

He says, "I think I've got the best job in the council. I work with so many different people and partners, every day is different and achieving results is what makes me tick."

The Community Safety Unit, which has its headquarters in the old Police Station in Ashford Town Centre, is made up of all kinds of different agencies, but run mainly by the borough council and the Kent Police and has been running since 2004.

They've all got one common aim: to make the borough a better and safer place by tackling low-level crime, the fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.

What exactly is your role?

Basically it's to make sure we are doing our best to reduce antisocial behaviour.

We react to recently reported crime and anti-social behaviour; we also spend a great deal of time trying to prevent it. For example, if a play area has had its litter bin set alight or had any of its play equipment damaged I will work closely with the council's Street Scene and Open Spaces team to get the area cleared, cleaned or repaired. I will also ask that additional patrols are made available in the area by the police and Kent County Council Wardens; hopefully this will be sufficient to prevent a repeat attack.

If a member of the public makes a complaint about anti-social behaviour and/or criminal damage we always make a point of visiting the complainant because we understand that this has probably been a traumatic experience.

Is there such a thing as a typical day?

Not really, but there's always a regular morning meeting with the police to catch up on crime committed over night. If there is a possibility it could happen again that night we can act quickly and deploy additional patrols to the area – that can act as a deterrent in itself. The Neighbourhood Policing Team is based here at the Old Police Station so we can deploy them anywhere we think it will make a difference. I also brief and task the Kent County Council Community Wardens who are based here.



Working together on a recent Operation Clean Sweep L – R Kent County Council Community Warden Maurice Stewart, PC Elaine Carroll and Ashford Borough Council Canine Officer Colin Leek.

Then, of course, there are ongoing projects such as Operation Clean Sweep which happens as many times a year as possible. This is where we all work together to target a specific area, looking for things like untaxed vehicles, speeding drivers and fly tipping, for example.



We also organise Safety in Action Week every year for local school children about to move up to secondary school where we

run fun workshops in a wide range of safety issues affecting young people.

But really, there is so much going on that every day is totally different.

What do you like about your job?

I love the fact that the work we do makes a real difference to residents and visitors alike.

It's not a 9 - 5 job. All of the team know they can contact me when they want to. I can only describe my job as a way of life and I would not change that for the world.

Contact details

You can contact the Community Safety Unit by calling **01233 660747** or email them at csu@ashford.gov.uk

The Community Safety Unit includes every organisation that can help or make a contribution to community safety. They may not be a full-time player but are there when needed and include:

Ashford Borough Council

Kent Police

Kent Fire and Rescue Service

Kent County Council, including Trading Standards, Education, Youth Offending Team and Community Wardens

Kent Probation Service

UK Border Agency

Probation Service

Ashford NHS Primary Care Trust

Housing Associations

Ashford's Partnership Against Crime

South East Coast Ambulance Service

Many services from Ashford Borough Council are involved in the Community Safety Unit. Representatives from Housing, Licensing and Environmental Health teams attend weekly meetings to discuss issues that have arisen in the community in the week. And they are an important part of ensuring the success of initiatives such as Operation Clean Sweep.

The borough council also runs the Ashford Monitoring Centre which plays an important role in supporting the Community Safety Unit. It monitors CCTV throughout Ashford and Tenterden, as well as social and intruder alarms. And it is operational 24/7, 52 weeks a year.

The Community Safety Unit is funded mainly by the borough council and Kent Police. However, Kent Fire and Rescue Service also contribute and other partners, such as the Primary Care Trust, have funded specific projects in the past.

Stay safe this autumn – a message from the CSU

It's time to clear out our gardens and get them ready for winter. This year why not go green and stay safe? Think about composting your garden waste either at home or by taking it to the household waste recycling centre in Brunswick Road, Ashford.

Bonfires in the garden frequently burn out of control as well as polluting the environment and harming wildlife.

Every year people are injured by fireworks set off in their back garden. This year why not think about going to a public display in your local neighbourhood instead. If you do have fireworks at home always follow the Firework Code and the instructions supplied with the fireworks.

Community Safety Delivery Manager from Kent Fire and Rescue Service, Lawrence Pater said: "A public display is often the best way to enjoy bonfire night but if you do decide to have fireworks at home plan ahead, follow the instructions and remember fireworks and alcohol are never a good idea.

"If you must have a bonfire the advice is to take extra care and never use petrol or other accelerants on them, never leave any fire unattended and if your bonfire gets out of control, never try to tackle it yourself, you could end up getting hurt. Always call the fire and rescue service."

You can get more fire safety advice from Kent Fire and Rescue Service's Community Fire Safety team on **0800 923 7000** or logon to www.kent.fire-uk.org



Do it online...

Take a look at the Ashford Borough Council website and you'll find a wealth of information and advice, online payment facilities and services and a myriad of forms to download.



In fact most of the information provided by our customer service advisors at our customer contact centre or on the phone is also on our website - the answers to many of the most commonly asked questions are often quite simply just a few clicks away.

You can save yourself a trip into town or reduce your phone bill by simply going online.

Ashford Voice takes a quick tour around some of the most popular areas of the website, but if you've got a question that's not covered here, remember that the website is probably the quickest and easiest route to an answer.

The internet gives access to a huge bank of information, and ultimately saves you time and money. By using the internet to find answers from your local council it helps us save money enabling us to keep your Council Tax low.

So get online and enjoy the benefits!



Busy working mum Julie Miller from Willesborough loves going online. She explains, "I really

don't have time to go into the council offices and it's hard to find time during

ashford.gov.uk

On the front page of our website you'll find a list of the council's main services on the left hand side. Click on one of these to be taken to a more detailed list.

At the bottom of the front page there is a list of popular pages so, for example, if you need to report a litter problem, you'll find a quick link here.

the working day to make personal phone calls. So I love being able to find what I want online at a time that suits me as a website never closes!"

"We pay our council tax, find things to do with the children in the events section and even sorted our planning application out - all online. It's cheap, easy and you can do it when it suits you no matter what the time of day."



Silver Surfer Sheila Boyce from Tenterden has learned to go online aged 78. "It's amazing what you can find on

the council's website," she says. "I've been able to get myself a blue box for recycling and can ask the council questions by sending them an email. You can get information on lots of things, even things that are not necessarily the council's responsibility because they have links to other websites."



Job seeker Steve Potter lives with his parents in Kennington and goes online because

it's cheap. He explains, "I don't have a lot of money and haven't got a car so I do almost everything online at home to save money. I found a lot of information about finding work and a home. In the council's housing pages there's a fantastic self help advice section where you can print off leaflets and even refer yourself to other help organisations - it's brilliant."



Planning

You can find the answers to many of the most commonly asked questions. For example, do you actually need planning permission? What are building regulations? You can even make a planning application online.

You can also search the planning history of almost any property in the borough as well as finding out where Conservation Areas are and what this could mean for you. You can even find out what to do if you think your neighbour's hedge is too high.

There is also information about how you can have your say on a planning application and you can read about the council's plans for the future of the borough. www.ashford.gov.uk/planning



Benefits

You can find out whether you are entitled to Housing or Council Tax Benefit or even both using our online benefits calculator.

Are you out of work, disabled, elderly or on a low income? Then there is a good chance that you may be entitled to something.

Find out more about whether you may be able to apply for help and download an application form. Plus, the website is updated with any changes in the law that could affect you. www.ashford.gov.uk/benefits

Recycling, waste and bulk collection

Many questions from residents are about waste collection, something that is covered in detail on the website. Look up your refuse collection day and find out what happens to your waste once it is collected.

We provide information on the recycling facilities in the borough as well as information on doorstep collections and there is also advice on how to compost, and even on how to dispose of nappies.

If you have a bulky item, a fridge or other white goods you need to dispose of there's a detailed section on our bulk collection service, how to calculate the cost and how to book a collection. www.ashford.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling

We've joined – have you?

Ashford Borough Council has joined Race Online 2012, a nationwide campaign to make the UK the first nation in the world where everyone can use the web by the end of the Olympic year.

We're committed to offering the best value for money and by using the internet whenever possible, you are helping us cut costs and saving our customers money too.

The campaign encourages government, industry, charities and individuals to inspire, encourage and support more people to go online.

To find out more visit www.raceonline2012.org

Not online?

If you don't have internet access at home don't worry, there are a number of places where you can log on for free. The council provides free internet access at the Civic Centre, plus there are computers to use for free at the Ashford and Tenterden Gateways and local libraries.

Website Statistics

January to July 2010

Number of visits to ashford.gov.uk	277,451
Number of individual people visiting the website	178,904

Monthly Averages

Number of visitors	26,000
Number of pages visited	210,000



Saving £1million – you tell us how

With finances tighter than ever before Ashford Borough Council is looking to shave £1million from its budget.

Ashford Voice finds out how local people have been helping the council decide what stays and what goes.

Councils across the UK are tightening their belts after Prime Minister David Cameron announced he will cut public sector spending to bring down Britain's massive £156billion deficit. Substantial cuts in government grants and support are already happening and will continue over the next few years.

Ashford Borough Council began preparing for a leaner future well before the General Election by working on a 5 Year Business Plan that would take the council into the future.

By the start of 2010 the organisation began looking for 15% spending cuts from all departments and warned that services would be affected and job losses unavoidable.

Council Leader Cllr Paul Bartlett explains, "It is the same for every district council in the UK, except we are in a better position than some because we saw what was coming and got started early. We knew cuts were on the way whether there was a coalition government or not.



"We also knew the scale of the cuts would be challenging and that it was important to take local people with us on this journey and give them the chance to decide what should be cut or prioritised."

"We have used surveys and questionnaires to explain what the council is up against and ask

local people what services they see as priorities. By putting the power in the hands of local people we hope they gained a better understanding of the hard choices councils have to make.

"Thanks to local people getting involved and saying where they want the money spent we have a clear vision of our long term goals and priorities which is fundamental to providing the services local people need and want most."



Ashford Borough Council staff promoting the Save £1million – You decide how survey at County Square.

Have Your Say, it's Your Borough

In March 2010 the council launched its **Have Your Say – It's Your Borough** consultation which asked people to say which services they wanted the council to focus on for the next five years.

The survey was the biggest the council had ever undertaken with more than 1,500 members of the public responding.

The results revealed residents and councillors agreed on three broad themes as priorities for the future:

- **Waste, recycling and street cleansing**
- **Youth activities, arts, culture and sports**
- **The development of Ashford town**

The results also revealed:

- **Residents satisfied with the range of services the council provides outnumbered dissatisfied residents by a factor of 4 to 1**
- **Most residents were broadly satisfied with the amount they paid for services**
- **Residents were prepared to pay more for some services including waste and recycling, youth facilities, arts and culture**

The results of the **Have Your Say** survey identified services local people wanted to see prioritised and protected and helped the council prepare costed options for the **Save £1million – You decide how** survey where people could decide for themselves where savings should be made.

Save £1million – You decide how – the survey

In August hundreds of people took the opportunity to submit their own version of what the council budget should be thanks to an online survey backed up with roadshows at County Square and Ashford and Tenterden Gateways plus workshops involving local residents and business people.

The survey gave people the chance to make choices on which cuts should be made and which would be unacceptable, together with options to maintain or improve services such as recycling, youth activities, environmental issues, parking costs and much more.



Dave McDonald from Ashford was surprised how hard the decision making process can be. Dave explained, "It was a real eye opener to find out how much money is spent on services we tend to take for granted such as emptying the bins, street cleaning and keeping the borough looking tidy.

"I thought it would be pretty straight forward to decide what I wanted to keep or see improved. But I soon realised you can't fund everything and I would have to make some hard cutbacks in other areas and found it really difficult to keep within budget."

Jill Wilson from Singleton took part in both the Have Your Say and the Save £1million surveys. She said, "You've got to give Ashford credit for asking local people to help in the decision making process. Too many councils think they know better than local people and come up with ideas for cuts and then ask people what they think. This way we have been involved in the process right from the start."



Geoff Field from Tenterden agrees, "I think local people now have a better idea how difficult it is for councils to deliver services with the limited resources they have and I for one appreciate the chance to tell Ashford how I would like to see them do it."

Next steps

The results from the survey will be published mid September and will help decide the services the council provides in the future and shape the council's 5 Year Business Plan.

Work will then continue to finalise the details of the Plan, which will contain the council's budget, for the meeting of the council's Executive on November 11 with the Plan and Council Tax due to be agreed and set by the Council in February 2011.

For more information visit www.ashford.gov.uk/save£1million





Arts at St Mary's

Arts in Ashford will have a bigger and better home in 2011 with the arrival of a new vibrant arts venue.



The re-ordering of St Mary the Virgin Church in Ashford town centre has been given the green light by the Church of England's official planning body, bringing new and improved arts, music and drama events to the town centre.

For the past 20 years, St Mary's Church has served the community as a place of worship, a historic tourist destination (the original 11th century church was mentioned in the doomsday book) and a cultural centre, hosting many arts and music events.

In 2009, the congregation began working with Ashford Borough Council, and the Ashford's Future regeneration company, on plans to refurbish the interior and increase its capacity for wider community use.



The Rev Colin Preece of St Mary's Church said, "While the purpose of St Mary's Church is the worship of God, the church can also play a key role in the transformation of Ashford, providing a functional and spiritual link between Ashford's past, present and future.

“This church can be a true sacred, shared space and the income from future arts performances and community events will enable us to safeguard and conserve the considerable historical, architectural and community significance of St Mary’s.”

Taking inspiration from Union Chapel in Islington, the re-ordered church will provide much improved facilities for both church services and cultural events, with a diverse programme of music, drama and arts events for up to 350 people.

As well as upgrading the performance space, work will also be carried out to repair the roof, plastering and paintwork and plans include an underground heat source pump and grey water recycling.

The project will cost £1.7m, including £1.2m of Growth Area Funding from Ashford’s Future, £100,000 from Ashford Borough Council and further contributions from The Church of England and other external partners.

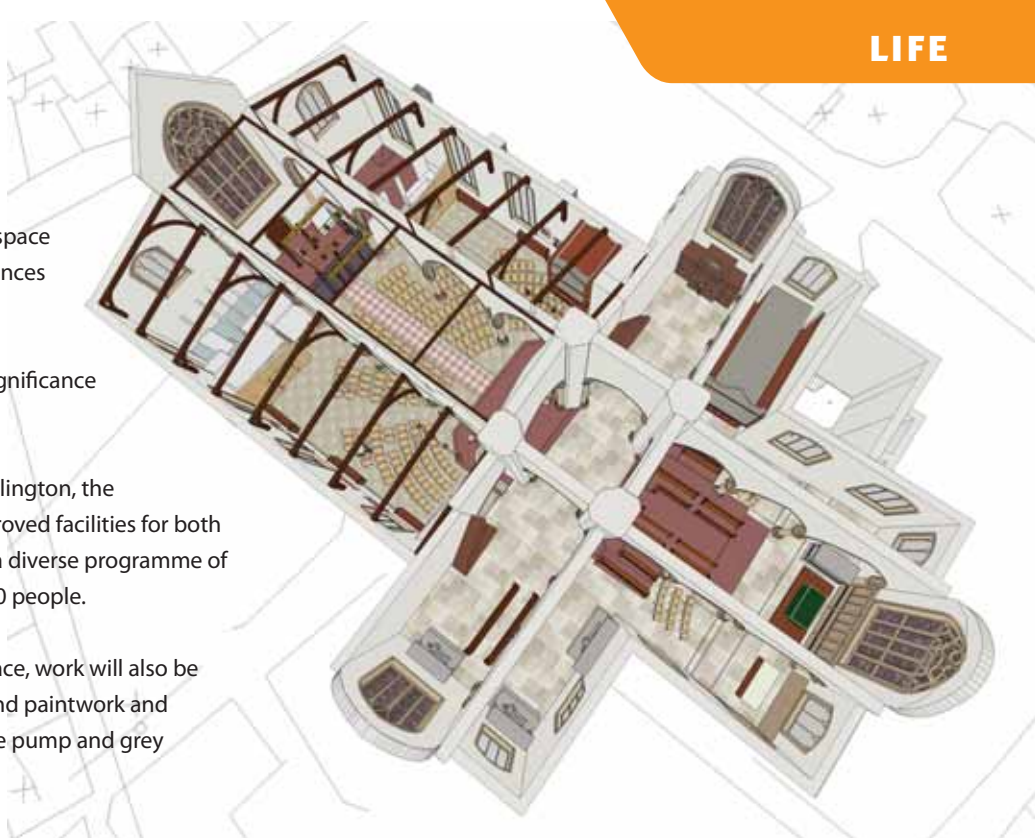
The Bishop of Dover, the Right Reverend Trevor Willmott said: “No church is simply a church building – it is a community space as well as a place of worship.

“Completion of this exciting project will ensure that the church can truly serve the whole community, now and for future generations.”

Judith Armit, managing director of Ashford’s Future, said, “Having an impressive, flexible arts venue offering a vibrant cultural programme to residents and visitors alike is an integral part of Ashford’s growth agenda and the reordering of St Mary’s will give our growing population an arts programme to be proud of.”

Construction is expected to begin in September with services held in the chancel at the east end of the church while work is carried out in the nave and the main entrance area.

The work is expected to be complete next summer.



What to expect at St Mary’s?

- Classical and world music, Jazz, soul, R&B and folk
- Drama works by national and local theatre companies
- Spoken word events
- High quality exhibitions from national artists, local art groups and students
- Talks and workshops by professional musicians and artists

Theatrical plans for the future?

The aim of Arts at St Mary’s is to take Ashford’s cultural and arts offer to the next level with a new and improved arts venue, supporting local artists and performers and attracting high-profile acts and promoters to the town.

The council and community have been able to demonstrate the need for a small to medium arts venue in Ashford, of the scale of Arts at St Mary’s, due to residents’ positive support for cultural events in and around the town.

In turn, the audience numbers and uptake at Arts at St Mary’s will help the council demonstrate the need for a large scale theatre for the town to potential developers in the future.

Improvements will include:

- Creating a flexible space in the nave for religious services and performances
- New flexible, comfortable seating
- New floor with underfloor heating
- Glazed doors at the north entrance
- Improved general lighting and a stage lighting rig
- More toilets
- Improved disabled access
- Better kitchen facilities
- Refurbished meeting rooms
- Refurbished west entrance hall

What's on



15 – 30th September Various locations

Featuring art installations about Ashford's Shared Space including:

Storyteller, a flipbook animation installation at the temporary library in Park Mall.

Traces, a specially created film of a unique skateboard performance shot by young film makers to be screened in the Art Room, North Street

For more information visit www.shared-space.org.uk
email mail@shared-space.org.uk
or call 01233 330352

The Big Draw

10 October County Square Shopping Centre

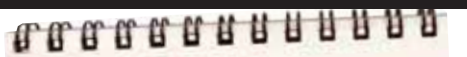
Using art to explore and understand your local environment. View paintings by local artists and find out more about Ashford visual artists.

www.ashfordvisualartists.co.uk

the artroom Life Drawing Classes starting September

16 North Street Ashford Kent TN24 8JR

For more information on events at the gallery call 01233 665845 www.theartroomashford.co.uk



Smallhythe Place

Smallhythe, Tenterden

- 4 September – Music and Beer Festival
- 11 September – Orchard Day
- 2 October – Smallhythe Place and other Hidden Gems
- 9 October – All The World's A Stage starring Nina Thorndike
- 28 October – Music with Ashley Hutchings and Ken Nicol
- 31 October – Spooky stories, unexpected sights and dramatic interludes

01580 762334
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/events



Equator Kent Music Talent Competition 2010

Friday 22 October
Norton Knatchbull School 8pm - Onwards

For groups and soloists under the age of 18 years including entries from local schools.

www.shivanova.com www.equatorfestival.com

Farmers' & Country Markets

Wye, The Green

4, 18 September, 2, 16 October,
6, 20 November 9am – 12 noon
07804652156

www.wyefarmersmarket.co.uk

Rolvenden, New Village Hall

10am – 12pm

01424 855636

www.kentfarmersmarkets.org.uk

Challock, Challock Memorial Hall

1st and 3rd Fridays of each month
1pm to 4pm

01233 740979

www.kentfarmersmarkets.org.uk

Egerton, Millennium Hall

Every Friday 2pm to 4.30pm

01233 756533

www.kentfarmersmarkets.org.uk

Warehorne, Village Hall

Fourth Sunday of the month,
10am – 12.30pm

01233 733718

www.kentfarmersmarkets.org.uk

Willesborough Windmill

12 September Heritage Weekend

26 September Norman cycles/end of season get together

16 October Gilbert and Sullivan Musical Evening

01233 733426

www.willesboroughwindmill.co.uk

Grand Ball

London Beach Golf Hotel,
Tenterden, 25 September 7.30pm

Enjoy a delicious 3 course meal then dance the night away with proceeds going to 2nd Tenterden Scout Group. Tickets £35.
01580 761284

Charity Christmas Card and Gift Sale

Smeden Hall 30 October 10am – 3pm

18 charities sell a huge selection of cards and gifts at the sale. Light refreshments will be provided throughout the day including lunchtime soup and rolls. 01233 770451

Village Arts

St. Francis Mission Hall, Stubbs Cross
3 – 4 September 10am – 4pm

Paintings, photographs, jewellery and more.
01233 643909

Christmas Lights Switch on Ashford

20 November

Fun for all the family in the town centre, County Square and Park Mall.



Christmas Fayre

St Mary's Church
Church Road,
Willesborough,
Ashford

27 November
10am – 2pm

Sinden Theatre

Homewood School,
Tenterden

11 September Abbalicious

25 September
The Chandeliers Drama Group

30 September
Waltzers and Wonders

9 October
The Bootleg Shadows

29 October Con Jovi

13 November
John Leyton & the Flames

01580 762826
www.sindentheatre.com

Kent and East Sussex Railway

Tenterden Town Station

11 – 12 September
Hoppers Weekend

14 – 16 September
Pensioners Treat

18 – 19 September
Days out with Thomas

25 – 26 September
Days out with Thomas

2 – 3 October
Tenterden Folk Festival Special

9 – 10 October
Austin Counties Car Rally

16 – 17 October
Autumn Walks –
Rail Trails

25 – 29 October
Halloween Half-Term
Fun Week

29 – 30 October
Fright Night Train

01580 765155
www.kesr.org.uk

Tenterden and District Horticultural Society Autumn Show

Tenterden Junior School, Recreation Ground
4 September 2pm – 3.30pm

Tenterden Folk Festival

Tenterden, 30 September – 3 October

A fantastic long weekend festival of folk song, music and dance. music sessions, story telling, family events, craft fairs and street stalls.

01580 629165 www.tenterdenfolkfestival.org

Godinton House and Gardens Godinton Lane, Hothfield

25 – 26 September Willow Basketry

31 October Pumpkin Day

Spooky family fun with ghost stories in the cellars, crafts, pumpkin lanterns, refreshments and homemade cakes in the tearoom.

26 – 29 November Ashford Visual Arts Christmas Arts Fair 18 professional artists show their works and give you the chance to buy that unique present.

01233 632652 www.godinton-house-gardens.co.uk

Call: **01233 330209** Email: **voice@ashford.gov.uk**

To make it into our autumn edition information must reach us by 1 October 2010.

Find out more about other local events on www.ashford.gov.uk/events



Rare Breeds Centre

Halloween Fear and Fun
25 – 31 October,
10.30am – 10pm

Thursday 28 to Sunday 31 October
10.30am to 10pm

Scary fun for the little ones, with a fancy competition and the devil's pig race! Night time frights with woodland walks, terror trailer rides, the 'boo tunnel' and much more for those who are prepared to be scared.

01233 861493 www.rarebreeds.org.uk

Woodchurch Dog Show

Sunday 12 September, midday onwards

Lower Road, Woodchurch. 01233 860568

Harvest Supper Barn Dance

Tenterden Club, Tenterden, 9 October

Live band, pot luck bring and share supper, cash bar, raffle. Tickets Adult £8, Child £5 01580 762492

A Collector's Fair

St Mary's Church Community Centre.
Rylands Road, Kennington,
13 November 10am – 4pm

Stamps, coins, banknotes, postcards, cigarette cards, militaria autograph, and many other collectables. 01233 664820

Givaudan 10k Race and Children's Fun Run

Julie Rose Stadium
Sunday 10 October 10am - onwards

The race starts and finishes at the Julie Rose Stadium and is a popular event for keen runners and new starts alike. Compete for the glory and a share of the £1,000 plus prize pool, run for the fun of it or just come long to watch and cheer. www.ashford10k.co.uk

Ashford Barbershop Harmony Club – East Kent Chorus

Highworth Music School

Learn to sing, 6 week free course starts
Thursday 9 September
Newcomers to singing welcome.

Mini Concert, Thursday 14 October
Family and friends welcome.

01622 695769 www.eastkentchorus.org

Fun Day in St Michael's

St Michael's Recreation Ground
5 September, midday onwards

Wye's Got Talent Competition

St Gregory's & St Martin's Church, 9 October - 3pm
Prizes include a day's recording in a studio and free dance classes. Entry fee adult £5, child £2. 07841568865

Bonfire Night and Fireworks

Smeden

Saturday 6 November

6pm onwards from the Charter Hall. Free entry refreshments and more.

Shadoxhurst

Saturday 30 October
Recreation Field

Recreation Field gates open at 6.00pm. Funfair, barbecue. Adults £4, children £1.

Biddenden

Friday 5 November

5.30pm onwards on Gordon Jones Playing Fields. Funfair and float procession, Adults £5, children £2.

Wye

Saturday 6 November

6pm onwards procession from St. Gregory and St. Martins Church up to the Wye Crown.

Tenterden

Saturday 6 November

7.30pm onwards on Three Fields, Small Hythe Road.

Indoor Boot fairs

Sunday 17 October / Sunday 28 November, 9am – 1pm

£10 per stall, access from 8am - free parking and refreshments available.

Stour Centre: 01233 663503

Julie Rose Stadium: 01233 613131

Kingsnorth Recreation Centre: 01233 503846
www.ashfordleisuretrust.co.uk

Ashford Leisure Trust

Stour Centre

Family Fun & Fitness Day

19 September 9am – 4pm

To celebrate its third birthday the Stour Centre is holding a Family Fun & Fitness Day where you can have a go in the gym, try out a family circuit in the River Studio or even a family group cycling session. Check out Zumba Dance, the latest fitness craze and enjoy fun packed activities in the pool and fitness challenges in the sports hall.

For more information visit www.ashfordleisuretrust.co.uk

Crash Course Swimming Lessons



25 - 29 October
£23.25 members, £26.25 non members. For children aged 4 -16yrs

October half term Holiday Activities

Stour Centre and Julie Rose Stadium,
8.15am – 5pm, Ticket: £16

Ages 5 (and in year 1) – 14yrs



Julie Rose Stadium

Athletics Courses

September – December

Track and field and indoor sports hall athletics for children from age 2 - 12 years run during term time with qualified coaches.

Tumble Time

Every Wednesday & Friday 10am -12am

(Walking – 4yrs) Bouncy castle, toys and activities. £2.50 for the first child, then £1.80 for additional children.

Get fit for free this winter

The Stour Centre is offering a six month gym membership to one lucky Ashford Voice reader. For more information visit www.ashfordleisuretrust.co.uk

Simply answer the question and return the entry form to: **Stour Centre Competition, Ashford Voice, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford TN23 1PL.**

Closing Date: 30 September 2010.

Q What is the latest fitness craze?

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Name:

Address:

Postcode: Tel No:

Email:

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Your council

Keeping Ashford moving

Two major transport schemes costing more than £34m will play a vital part in keeping Ashford moving and providing exciting investment opportunities as the town grows.

Junction 9 and Drovers Roundabout

Despite major cuts to national spending elsewhere government funding for Victoria Way, improvements to Junction 9 and nearby Drovers Roundabout have been secured with work scheduled to be complete by spring next year.

A delighted Judith Armitt, Managing Director for Ashford's Future, explains their significance.

"It's crucial that as the town grows we have the right infrastructure in place to keep the town moving and create jobs for local people.

"While the works take place there will be some disruption but by having the funding in place up front, work can take place all in one go, meaning less disruption for residents in the long term."

Improvements to Junction 9 and Drovers Roundabout including a landmark footbridge over the M20 will make it easier to travel across town by car, foot or bike and support future development at Eureka Business Park and Repton Park for up to 10,000 new homes and 6,000 new jobs.



On the Moo...ve

Residents, including those who joined a Facebook campaign, will be pleased to hear the famous cows and drover, which gives Drovers Roundabout its name, are safe and sound.

"They have been put into storage and are being well looked after", explains John Farmer, Major Projects Manager for Kent County Council.

"They will be restored to their former glory and placed back on Drovers Roundabout once construction has been completed."



Victoria Way

This is a new street for Ashford creating better access to the heart of the town and new investment opportunities for up to 1,300 new homes and 1,100 new jobs, as well as new shops, restaurant and cafes by 2021.

Victoria Way should relieve Brookfield Road and Elwick Road of traffic and regenerate the whole area south of the town centre.

For more information about the schemes visit www.ashfordbestplaced.co.uk/victoriaway or www.ashfordbestplaced.co.uk/junction9

Quick ways to get in touch

The quickest and cheapest way is to visit the Ashford Borough Council website which offers information, advice and services, all at the click of a button.



But if you have to contact us by phone if you know the name of the person you need to speak to you can simply press # when prompted and you will be put through – no more waiting in a queue!

And you don't have to listen to the pre-recorded message which lists the numbers you need to press to get through to the most often contacted services. Simply press the preset numbers listed below to be put straight through.

Important messages are sometimes put on our telephone system. Please be aware that by using the shortcuts you will not hear these.

www.ashford.gov.uk 01233 331111

Shortcuts to most often used services

Ashford Borough Council 01233 331111

Payments	-	press 1
Housing Benefit	-	press 2 then 3
Council Tax	-	press 2 then 1
Business Rates	-	press 2 then 2
Missed Bins	-	press 3, then #
Bulk Collection	-	press 3, then 1
Parking	-	press 3, then 2
Pest Control	-	press 3, then 3
Any Other Environmental Planning	-	press 3, then 4
Building Control	-	press 4, then 2, then 1
Land Charges	-	press 4, then 2, then 2
Housing Repairs	-	press 4, then 2, then 3
General Housing	-	press 4, then 1, then 2
General Housing	-	press 4, then 1, then 1

www.ashford.gov.uk

Moving house – get a local authority search

Did you know a full local authority search gives the most accurate, reliable and up to date information available?

You can check if a property is in a conservation area or has any tree preservation orders and whether planning permission or building regulations have been obtained for any improvements or extensions.

For more information about property searches visit www.land-data.org.uk or www.ashford.gov.uk/landcharges

Are you prepared for a major emergency?



Whether it's flood, fire, train crashes or terrorism Ashford Borough Council works closely with the emergency services and other organisations to plan a co-ordinated response for any major emergency.

The council has trained staff ready to respond 24 hours a day to help protect local people, businesses and our environment should disaster strike and has robust contingency plans to ensure it continues to deliver essential services.

But how prepared are you? There are many things you can do to prepare for emergencies and lots of places to find out how.

You can find useful information on a variety of possible emergency scenarios through the government's Directgov website. The Environment Agency gives excellent tips for you and your property on how to prepare, respond and recover from flooding.

To find out more visit

www.ashford.gov.uk/emergencyplanning

www.direct.gov.uk or www.environment-agency.gov.uk

Listen out

The best way to find out the latest information during an emergency is to tune in to your local radio stations.

BBC Radio Kent **KMFM Ashford** **Heart FM**

Five things you should find out

- 1** Where and how to turn off your water, gas and electricity supplies
- 2** The emergency procedures for your children at school
- 3** The emergency procedures at your workplace
- 4** How will your family stay in contact in an emergency
- 5** If elderly or vulnerable family, friends or neighbours might need your help

Get in touch

How to contact Ashford Borough Council

Telephone	01233 331111 8.30am – 5.30pm Monday to Thursday 8.30am – 5.00pm Friday
Typetalk	01233 330744
Out of Hours/Emergency	01233 629911
24 hour Payment Line	01233 330625
Fax	01233 645654
Email	customer.care@ashford.gov.uk
Online	www.ashford.gov.uk
Post	Ashford Borough Council Civic Centre, Tannery Lane Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL
Visit	Customer Contact Centre, Civic Centre 9.00am – 5.00pm Monday to Thursday 9.00am – 4.30pm Friday
Out and about	Ashford Gateway, 14 Park Mall, Ashford, Kent TN24 8RY Tel: 0845 8 247 247 9.00am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm Saturday Tenterden Gateway, 2 Manor Row, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6HP Tel: 0845 8 247 202 9.00am – 5.30pm Monday to Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm Saturday Gateway online Email: info@ashfordgateway.co.uk Online: www.ashfordgateway.co.uk

Council services and useful information

Kent County Council

Website	www.kent.gov.uk
24 Hour Helpline	0845 8 247 247
Environment & Waste	0845 8 247 600
Highways and Transport <i>(including roadworks, pot holes and street lighting)</i>	0845 8 247 800
Kent Libraries	01622 671411
Social Care & Health	0845 8 247 100
Trading Standards	01622 221012

Emergency Services

If it's an emergency dial 999, otherwise, use the numbers below:

Kent Police (Ashford & Tenterden)	01303 850055
Community Safety Unit	01233 330891
William Harvey Hospital	01233 633331

Leisure & Tourism

Stour Centre	01233 663503
Julie Rose Stadium	01233 613131
Kingsnorth Recreation Centre	01233 503846
Ashford Tourist Information Centre	01233 629165
Pitchside & Courtside <i>(formerly Ashford Mini Soccer Centre)</i>	01233 896511

Other useful phone numbers

Ashford's Future	01233 330812
Citizens Advice Bureau	01233 626185
Environment Agency <i>(polluted ditches and watercourses)</i>	0870 8 506506
Fraudline (benefit fraud)	0800 026 2456
Floodline	0845 988 1188

Ashford Borough Council Committee Meeting Dates

September 2010

Thursday 9 – Executive
Tuesday 14 – Joint Transportation Board
Wednesday 15 – Planning Committee
Tuesday 21 – Audit Committee
Monday 27 – Selection & Constitutional Review
Tuesday 28 – Overview & Scrutiny

October 2010

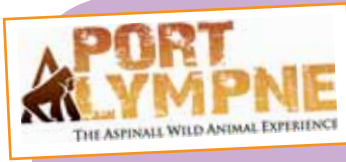
Wednesday 13 – Planning Committee
Thursday 14 – Executive
Thursday 21 – Council
Tuesday 26 – Overview & Scrutiny

November 2010

Wednesday 3 – Standards Committee
Wednesday 10 – Planning Committee
Thursday 11 – Executive
Tuesday 23 – Overview & Scrutiny

Meetings are subject to change, please check www.ashford.gov.uk/committeedates.

Readers offers and competitions



Go Wild

Thanks to our friends at Port Lymyne Wild Animal Park **Ashford Voice** readers can enjoy exclusive fantastic discounts this autumn.

There's 33% off standard admission individual adult and child tickets when you book online while the over 60s can get admission to the park for just **£7.50** (almost half price!) by simply taking along our voucher.

Enjoy an exciting day out filled with discovery for the entire family. See Siberian and Indian tigers, Barbary lions, small cats, monkeys and the largest breeding herd of black rhinos outside of Africa.

And "The Palace of the Apes", the largest gorillarium in the world, offers un-paralleled views of the mightiest of apes. With many other rare and endangered species set in 600 acres, including the Port Lymyne mansion and its 15 acre landscaped gardens Port Lymyne Wild Animal Park offers a treat for everyone.

To claim your online discount simply enter promotion code VOICE33 when you book between 1st Sep 2010 and 30th Nov 2010.

To find out more visit www.aspinallfoundation.org/portlympne

Ashford Voice Senior Citizen Reader Offer



Entry to Port Lymyne Wild Animal Park £7.50

Must be 60 years or over

Valid Monday – Friday from 1 September to 30 November 2010

To take up this offer present this voucher at the main ticket office
Terms & Conditions apply

www.aspinallfoundation.org/portlympne

Terms & Conditions

- Special offer for Ashford Voice senior citizen readers allows entry to Port Lymyne Wild Animal Park for £7.50
- Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer
- Port Lymyne reserve the right to refuse admission
- Upgrade your ticket on arrival to include the African Experience safari for just £5 payable

Q Where is the Wye Beauty salon based?

A

Name:

Address:

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Postcode: Tel No:

Email:

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Get pampered

One lucky **Ashford Voice** reader could be enjoying half a day of relaxation and pampering this autumn courtesy of Wye Beauty.



Win a luxury manicure, pedicure, 30 minute back massage and a full facial available from fully trained therapists at the salon situated in the beautiful village of Wye.

Wye Beauty provides therapies for everyone, with a wide range of treatments to suit all ages and budgets. Using only the very finest products they offer facials, waxing, spray tanning, electrolysis, laser hair removal and red vein treatment all carried out in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

Find out more at www.rtbs.co.uk

Simply answer the question and return the entry form to: **Wye Beauty Competition, Ashford Voice, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford TN23 1PL.**

Closing Date: 30 September 2010.

Dinner for two

You could be dining out in style this autumn thanks to The Wife of Bath, one of the region's top restaurants who are offering Ashford Voice readers the chance to win a meal for two.



The award winning restaurant with rooms, set in the village of Wye, offers exceptional quality, innovative food, a fabulous selection of wines, spirits and cocktails and luxurious guest accommodation.

If you love your food and drink you'll love it here. Their imaginative menus are created from the finest local and seasonal produce delivered with relaxed informality in gorgeous, elegant surroundings.

Pop in for lunch, settle in for dinner or spend the night in one of their five individually-designed rooms. **Find out more at www.thewifeofbath.com**

Simply answer the question and return the entry form to: **The Wife of Bath Competition, Ashford Voice, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford TN23 1PL.**

Closing Date: 30 September 2010.

Q How many rooms does the Wife of Bath have?

A

Name:

Address:

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Postcode: Tel No:

Email:

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Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 16 (b) of the above Regulations that the total amounts paid by the Authority in accordance with the Ashford Borough Council Members' Allowances Scheme, to each Member of the Council as a Basic, Special Responsibility, Travel and Subsistence, and Carers' Allowance during the 2009/10 financial year was as listed below.



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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councillor	£ Basic Allowance	£ Special Responsibility Allowance	£ Travel Allowance	£ Subsistence	£ Carers' Allowance	£ Total before Tax and N. I.*
Ayres	4,228.56	0.00	38.00	0.00	0.00	4,266.56
Bartlett	4,228.56	9,129.43	48.00	0.00	0.00	13,405.99
Mrs Bell	4,228.56	0.00	162.00	0.00	0.00	4,390.56
Bell	4,228.56	6,869.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,098.50
Mrs Blanford	4,228.56	0.00	773.87	5.00	0.00	5,007.43
Bradberry	4,228.56	0.00	14.40	0.00	0.00	4,242.96
Burgess	4,228.56	1,383.25	908.00	0.00	0.00	6,519.81
Clarkson	4,228.56	6,869.94	527.80	6.75	0.00	11,633.05
Cloughton	4,228.56	6,869.94	52.80	0.00	0.00	11,151.30
Clokie	4,228.56	19,904.15	2,071.11	0.00	0.00	26,203.82
Cowley	4,228.56	0.00	97.40	0.00	0.00	4,325.96
Davidson	4,228.56	7,267.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,496.30
Davison	4,228.56	2,491.78	487.20	0.00	0.00	7,207.54
Ellison	4,228.56	1,586.93	363.60	0.00	0.00	6,179.09
Feacey	4,228.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,228.56
French	4,228.56	0.00	20.80	0.00	0.00	4,249.36
Goddard	4,228.56	1,197.68	507.20	0.00	0.00	5,933.44
Mrs Hawes	4,228.56	50.00	124.80	0.00	0.00	4,403.36
Mrs Heaton	4,228.56	0.00	238.10	0.00	0.00	4,466.66
Heyes	4,228.56	2,766.39	73.30	0.00	0.00	7,068.25
Mrs Heyes	4,228.56	0.00	31.20	0.00	0.00	4,259.76
Mrs Hicks	4,228.56	0.00	223.20	0.00	0.00	4,451.76
Hodgkinson	4,228.56	0.00	9.50	0.00	0.00	4,238.06
Holland	4,228.56	0.00	253.02	0.00	0.00	4,481.58
Honey	4,228.56	1,024.62	163.20	0.00	0.00	5,416.38
Howard	4,228.56	0.00	105.60	0.00	0.00	4,334.16
Mrs Hutchinson	4,228.56	0.00	557.60	0.00	0.00	4,786.16
Kemp	4,228.56	6,869.94	102.00	0.00	0.00	11,200.50
Koowaree	4,228.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,228.56
Mrs Laughton	4,228.56	0.00	38.40	0.00	0.00	4,266.96
Link	4,228.56	0.00	354.40	0.00	0.00	4,582.96
Mrs Marriott	4,228.56	5,532.94	754.25	0.00	0.00	10,515.75
Mrs Martin	4,228.56	0.00	79.60	0.00	0.00	4,308.16
Naughton	4,228.56	252.98	211.60	0.00	0.00	4,693.14
Norris	4,228.56	0.00	35.20	0.00	0.00	4,263.76
Packham	4,228.56	0.00	185.60	0.00	0.00	4,414.16
Smith	4,228.56	483.70	321.20	0.00	0.00	5,033.46
Taylor	4,228.56	2,766.39	551.30	0.00	0.00	7,546.25
Wallace	4,228.56	4,610.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,839.34
Wedgbury	4,228.56	1,841.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,069.79
Wells	4,228.56	180.72	184.80	0.00	0.00	4,594.08
Wood	4,228.56	6,869.94	1,025.92	0.00	0.00	12,124.42
Woodford	4,228.56	0.00	261.60	0.00	0.00	4,490.16
GRAND TOTAL	181,828.08	96,820.41	11,957.57	11.75	0.00	290,617.81

* with the exception of travel and subsistence allowances, the allowances are subject to tax and National Insurance Contributions

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